

### ***Abstract***

The present invention relates to novel Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor proteins. In particular, isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding the human TNFR-6 $\alpha$  & -6 $\beta$  proteins. TNFR-6 $\alpha$  & -6 $\beta$  polypeptides are also provided as are vectors, host cells and recombinant methods for producing the same. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of TNFR-6 $\alpha$  & -6 $\beta$  activity. Also provided are diagnostic methods for detecting immune system-related disorders and therapeutic methods for treating immune system-related disorders.

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